JOHN FRANCIS MERCER, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

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II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of CHAP. March next, no person or persons shall hale, cart, earry, drag or deposit, any dead carcase, or XCV. other carrion, in Baltimore county, within one mile of the city of Baltimore, unless he or they hale, ac any shall bury, or cause the same to be buried, in such manner, at least two feet under ground, and so dead carease, as effectually to prevent any offensive smell therefrom, under the penalty of twenty dollars for each &c. and every such offence, together with the expence of burying or removing the same.

III. And BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the first day of March next, it shall not be law- Or keep a kenful for any person or persons to keep and maintain any kennel or pack of hounds, or any number of nel of hounds, those species of dogs exceeding three, within Baltimore county, within one mile of the city of Baltimore; and any person or persons keeping and maintaining, or causing to be kept and maintained, any number of hounds, contrary to the provisions of this act, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for every such offence, and shall moreover be subject to pay the further sum of one dollar per day for each and every day the said hounds, exceeding as above, shall be so kept or maintained

IV. And BE IT ENACTED, That any person or persons who shall bury or remove any dead car. Expence of becase or offensive carrion thrown out and deposited contrary to the provisions of this act, shall recover before any justice of the peace, against the person or persons guilty of such offence, all excover, before any justice of the peace, against the person or persons guilty of such offence, all expences thereby incurred in burying and removing the same.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all fines and forfeitures accruing under this act shall be recover- How fines, &c. able, and may be recovered, before any justice of the peace for Baltimore county, one half for the are to be recouse of the said county, and the other for the use of the informer, and it shall be the duty of such vered, &c. justice or justices respectively, to receive one half of all such fines and forfeitures, to render an account thereof to the levy court annually, at their October term, and to pay the amount to the trustees for the poor of Baltimore county.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall continue and be in force for and during the term Duration of three years, and until the end of the next general assembly that shall happen thereafter.

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An ACT relating to runaway servants and slaves.

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E IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be the duty of the sheriffs of Sheriff to adthe several counties of this state, and they are hereby respectively required and directed, upon vertise runaany runaway servant or slave being committed to his custody, to cause the same to be advertised ways, &c. in some public news-paper or papers printed in the city of Baltimore, the city of Washington, and the town of Easton, and in such other public manner as he shall think proper, within fifteen days after such commitment, and to make particular and minute description of the cloathing, person and bodily marks, of such rumaway.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the owner or owners, or some person in his, her or their be- If not applied half, shall not apply for such runaway within the space of sixty days from the time of advertising as for, to sell aforesaid, and pay, or secure to be paid, all such legal costs and charges as have accrued by reason them, &c. of apprehending, imprisoning and advertising such servant or slave, it shall be the duty of such sheriff, and he is hereby required and directed, to proceed to sell such servant or slave, and immediately to give public notice by advertisements, to be set up at the court-house door and such other public places as he shall think proper, in the county where such servant or slave is in custody, of the time and place for sale of such servant or slave, by him to be appointed, not less than twenty days after the time limitted as aforesaid has expired, and at such time and place shall proceed to sell and dispose of such servant or slave to the highest bidder.

III. And BE IT ENACTED, That the sheriff shall, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every And make out such offence, make out, on oath, and return to the justices of the levy court, at their next session and return an after the sale of any servant or slave, an account, stating the time of the commitment, the time of account, &c. sale, the name of the purchaser and terms of sale, and the expences and costs of advertising, securing and keeping, and the amount for which such servant or slave has been sold, and out of the money arising from such sale to retain the amount of such costs and charges as he is by law entitled to, and no more, and the balance, if any, to be paid to the justices of the levy court, who are hereby authorised and directed to pay the same to the owner of such servant or slave, if such owner

shall apply for it within two years from the time of such sale, and if it shall not be applied for with-